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Corps requests state grant for life jacket kiosks

OROFINO, Idaho – Recreation officials at Dworshak Dam and Reservoir are applying for a 2007 grant from the Idaho Parks and Recreation Department to construct life jacket loaner kiosks at the Big Eddy swim beach and all U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-maintained boat ramps there.

Under this grant request, seven kiosks will be built and equipped with various sizes of life jackets. The life jacket loaner program will provide the public with free use of life jackets, on an honor system, while visiting Dworshak Dam and Reservoir recreation areas.

Boating accident statistics compiled by the U.S. Coast Guard indicate that 90 percent of the people who drown in a boating or water accident would be alive today if they had been wearing a personal flotation device, or a life jacket, at the time of the accident. The goals for this program are to increase visitor awareness that wearing the proper size and type of life jacket while swimming and boating could save their lives, and to help them enjoy a safe recreational experience.

Questions and comments can be sent to: Natural Resources Office, Dworshak Dam and Reservoir; P.O. Box 48; Ahsahka, Idaho 83520; or by calling (208) 476-1261.

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